

BERNSTORFF ENVOY WELL PREPARED FOR MISSION

Dr. Meyer-Gerhard Has Held Several Important Offices in Germany.



Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard.

Who has started for Berlin to convey verbally to the Kaiser's Government Ambassador von Bernstorff's conclusions as to the feeling in this country regarding Germany's submarine warfare on neutral vessels.

derated, not more than a few weeks, and will then resume his Red Cross work here again.

The calling of Dr. Gerhard was not known here until yesterday morning, when it was announced at Washington. Then it was stated at the office of the Scandinavian-American Line in Hoboken that the German Ambassador had boarded the steamer United States a few minutes before she sailed and had gone to his stateroom immediately. A group of friends saw him depart. One of them had stood guard at his door until sailing time.

STABLE REPEATS USITANIA CHARGE

Says Six "Commissioners" From Washington Asked Him Questions.

HE REMAINS IN HIDING

Gustav Stabile, the German reservist, who signed an affidavit declaring that the Lusitania was armed on her fatal voyage walked into the office of the Staats-Zeitung yesterday afternoon.

Stabile had been questioned by six "Commissioners from Washington," who submitted him to a "cross-examination" of the subject matter of his affidavit. Stabile told the German newspapermen that despite the grilling, he was not "bluffed," but stuck by his original assertions.

Apparently no one in the newspaper office learned Stabile's new whereabouts—he has not appeared at his room at 20 Leroy street in two days—but he told those to whom he talked that his new address was known to the German authorities in this city and Washington and that he could be found when wanted.

Stabile is said to have given as the reason for his sudden disappearance from the city his refusal to follow the publication of his affidavit that he did not want to be hounded by reporters.

Stabile boasted to his compatriots on the German newspaper of his alleged feat in withstanding the questions of the Washington "commissioners." It could not be learned last night who the gentlemen were, whether they came here from Washington or were merely local inspectors of the Department of Justice. Stabile is said not to have specified either in his affidavit.

Local agents of the Department of Justice have joined forces with Collector Dudley Field Malone's neutrality squad in searching for Stabile. Investigators endeavored to locate him yesterday morning, but according to their chief, Capt. William O'Leary, superintendent of the local police, Stabile had not been seen since he wrote a report to him last night.

The activity of the secret service men in the neighborhood of 20 Leroy street, who have been watching him for several days, has frightened the other persons in the house at that address that their residence yesterday afternoon was quite imminent. Stabile himself has not appeared at his residence since Thursday morning, and yesterday being the last day of his last week, Mrs. Margaret Kane, the housekeeper, did not expect him at all.

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